

Wastage of power *

†3436. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35 per cent power is getting wasted without any utilization at present;

(b) if not, the average rate of loss of power at national level; and

(c) the extent of such loss of power cut of the said percentage which is bound to be happen as a result of distribution of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) As per the information complied by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on "Performance of State Power Utilities (SPUs) for the year 2005-06", Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) Loss for 2005-06 of the State Power Distribution Utilities at national level was 34.54%. AT&C loss includes unavoidable technical loss, theft and energy consumed by legitimate consumers but not paid for. As per the guidelines issued by Central Electricity Authority for reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, the unavoidable technical loss in Indian conditions is about 10—15%.

Rural electrification in Orissa

3437. SHRI B.J. PANDA
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of rural electrification under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in Orissa;

(b) whether the progress of electrification belies the assurances of the Ministry to approve proposals of all the districts of the State under the above project by 2006 end; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to speed up rural electrification in the State to cover all the rural segments under this project?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE) (a) to (c) The State Govt. of Orissa has assigned execution of rural electrification works under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidhyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in twelve districts each to Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and the balance six districts to National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC).

Orissa Govt. has forwarded thirty projects covering all the districts of the State for electrification of 13466 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 4105 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 27954 already electrified villages with an outlay of Rs. 3703.17 crore.

Four projects covering Angul, Nayagarh, Gajapati and Ganjam districts are covered for electrification in Phase-I of the scheme. These projects envisage electrification of 1849 un-electrified villages, re-electrification of 753 de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 4637 already electrified villages with an outlay of Rs. 434.10 crore.

Though the implementing agencies have issued tenders for all the above four projects, awards for only Angul & Nayagarh districts have so far been issued.

The implementing agencies so far have not reported completion of rural electrification works in any of the villages covered under sanctioned projects. An amount of Rs. 67.17 crore has been released to Orissa so far.

Balance 26 projects are targeted for Phase-II of the scheme in XI-Plan.

Athirappilly hydro-electric project

3438. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has given the clearance for the proposal of Athirappilly hydro-electric project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;